



Stafford
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Special Planning
Committee held in the Craddock
Room, Civic Centre, Stafford on
Wednesday 13 August 2025**

Chair - Councillor S N Spencer

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A G Cooper

B M Cross

A D Hobbs

J Hood

A M Loughran

A F Reid

A J Sandiford

Also in attendance:

Councillor:- B McKeown

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime

R Wood

E Handley

J Allen

- Principal Solicitor
- Development Lead
- Senior Planning Officer
- Democratic Services Officer

PC18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors P C Edgeller (substituted by A G Cooper), R James, R Kenney, A R McNaughton (substituted by Councillor A M Loughran) and A Nixon (substituted by Councillor A F Reid).

PC19 Declarations of Interest

Councillors A F Reid and A D Hobbs stated that they were members of the Wildlife Trust but had no predetermination on the matter.

Councillors A G Cooper and S N Spencer stated that they were members of the National Trust but had no predetermination on the matter.

PC20 Application 24/39885/FUL - Shugborough Hall, Lichfield Road, Shugborough

(Recommend: Approve, subject to conditions)

A site visit took place at 10.00am on Wednesday 13 August 2025. The site was viewed from south east of the application site.

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter.

The Senior Planning Officer stated that the presentation has been updated since the version sent to Members previously.

Continuing, to address queries raised at the site visit, he advised Members of the committee that although Himalayan Balsam is difficult to eradicate, it was the intention to remove it from the river banks. It is proposed to retain all trees. Excavated earth will likely be spread within the estate. There was no reference in the application to an outflow from the scrapes, however, the application states that the scrapes are in areas which are already wet, so retention of water in these locations is likely to be beneficial. Finally, there are no plans to make alterations to the duck decoys.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

D Cadman spoke in support of the application.

Councillor A D Hobbs proposed that the application be approved, subject to the conditions in the report.

This was seconded by Councillor A G Cooper.

On being put to the vote the proposal to approve application 24/39885/FUL was carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 24/39855/FUL be approved
subject to the conditions listed within the report

CHAIR